

## UNION CITY

**PLANNING** The Union City Station is one of three stations for which BART created a Comprehensive Plan process. BART staff prepared a Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) to coordinate with Union City's General Plan update and Redevelopment Plan Amendment, each with an emphasis on "smart growth" and centered upon BART as a primary transit service provider in the sub-region. The CSP, completed in 2002, defines conceptual development, access and station capacity plans for the 50-acre station district. In February 2004, the BART Board approved moving forward with implementation of a series of infrastructure and access improvements defined as a Phase 1 Project. This work, led by the City and supported by BART, sets the stage for future private transit-oriented development and the next phases of public improvements necessary for realization of the plan.

Next phases of planning and site design work include finalization of the design details related to BART and the former PG&E site for development, a transit parking study leading to definition of parking garage location and design, zoning updates and implementation of the Station District's design guidelines.

*Passenger Rail Study:* Environmental impact studies are underway for a proposed passenger rail facility adjacent to the Union City BART Station. The two-part analysis includes a northern alignment study led by Union City, focused upon Capital Corridor, and a southern cross-bay alignment, led by Caltrain, focused upon future Dumbarton Rail service. Through the CSP, the partners identified how commuter rail would connect with the existing BART station. Given an adequate ridership threshold is reached, the future conceptual expansion of the BART station includes becoming a two-sided station integrated with new the new passenger rail station. Other future capacity improvements include new elevators, emergency stairways and platform expansion.

**DEVELOPMENT** In 2002, the City acquired the 30-acre property from PG&E, directly adjacent to the BART property to the east. The City's Redevelopment Agency subsequently selected Lennar/CIM/Creative Housing to pursue a mixed use development project on the property. BART continues to work with the City and the City's developer to effectuate implementation of a transit-oriented development project in keeping with the Station District Plan. Conceptual plans for the development are underway, with a review period anticipated by Summer 2004.

**ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** Staff has partnered with Union City to complete installation of new station pathfinder signs that will improve customers' ability to locate the BART station. Eighteen new bike racks were installed in early 2002. In 2003, 20 of the old-style, gray, plastic

bike lockers were replaced with new see-through metal electronic “Club” style lockers as part of a test to increase bike locker capacity and safety at BART.

This station will have new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed, pending the receipt of grant funds.

**REINVESTMENT** This station is scheduled to have new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed inside the station, have the station platform canopies re-roofed, and have the parking lot re-paved, all in 2005. These projects are part of ongoing station renovation program activities.